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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER SAYE ZERBO TO VISIT

NORTH KOREA

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SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER ZERBO SCHEDULED OFFICIAL VISIT TO NORTH KOREA AFTER ATTENDING THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AND THE SPECIAL AND REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE UN OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO SOUTH KOREAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES. END SUMMARY.

1. THE UPPER VOLTAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MET ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6, 1975 AND APPROVED AN OFFICIAL VISIT BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRES, LIEUTENANT- COLONEL SAYE ZERBO TO THE POPULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

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2. FOREIGN MINISTER ZERBO WILL ATTEND THE NON-ALIGNED

CONFERENCE AT LIMA AUGUST 25 TO 29; THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN AT NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 2 TO 12. HE WILL LEAVE FOR HIS KOREAN TRIP AFTER ATTENDING THE GENERAL SESSION OF THE UN BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12, 1975.

3. REPUBLIC OF KOREA CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TAE-ZHEE KIM TOLD ME THIS MORNING (8-8) THAT HE HAS BEEN TRYING IN VAIN TO SEE THE FOREIGN MINISTER. SOUTH KOREA HSA ALSO EXTENDED AN INVITATION FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO FORMIN ZERBO, BUT HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE.

4. CHARGE KIM DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH FORMIN SECGEN DOMINIQUE SISOUS ON AUGUST 7. SISOUS STATED THAT THE NORTH KOREAN INVITATION WAS EXTENDED FIRST SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, AND THAT THE MINISTER HAD ACCEPTED IN THE ORDER RECEIVED. SISOUS WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION TO POSSIBILITY OF FORMIN ALSO VISITING SOUTH KOREA.

5. KIM IS VERY NATURALLY CONCERNED ABOUT UPPER VOLTA MAINTAINING POSITION OUTLINED REFTEL (B) IN VIEW CURRENT VISIT NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION REFTEL (A); ZERBO'S ANNOUNCED VISIT AND CURRENT ACCESS ACCORDED NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR. DECON ON RECEIPT. DUMAS

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